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Presented below is a report of the operational and support activities of Hugh T. FRANCOTTE during the above mentioned period.

1. General Summary of Activities.

The major activity for the month of September was focused upon photographic operations, utilizing the LIFIRE truck, and the evacuation of the LIONION photographic basehouse. A casing report complete with photographs, for use in a future photographic operation, was submitted and a set of alias documents was issued to complete the month's activities.

2. TDY.

None.

TDY Visitors.

None.

3. Training.

None.

4. Photographic Operations.

a. At the request of Wendy R. HARRIDGE, the LIFIRE

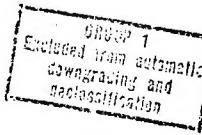
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photographic truck was utilized on 13 September. Photographic coverage was requested of the DIZTAG installation, and although the Station operates a photographic basehouse targeted against this installation, HARRIDGE desired coverage of the front gate from an angle other than that supplied by the basehouse. The LIFIRE truck, driven by Joseph M. RESCIGNO, was parked approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ block from the target gate. During the four hours that the truck was "on location", Hugh T. FRANCOTTE succeeded in photographing all individuals entering and departing the front gate of the DIZTAG installation. From these negatives, selected I.D. photographs were obtained for the Station's use.

b. In preparation for a large scale photographic operation planned for the morning of Sunday, 4 October, Gerald F. GESTETNER requested FRANCOTTE to case and photograph a downtown section of Mexico City where the operation is scheduled to take place. Photographic coverage will be required from both the LIFIRE truck and a room in a nearby hotel. The photographs and casing report greatly assisted in selecting the most advantageous parking area for the truck, and the most suitable hotel room.

c. The LIFIRE photo truck was again utilized on 23 September at the request of Phineas F. SLINKARD. Since there is no longer a photographic basehouse covering the (BEDOX) Embassy, SLINKARD was intent on obtaining photographs of recently assigned "staffers" of this installation. The LIFIRE truck, driven by Joseph M. RESCIGNO, was parked for a period of three hours, approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ block from the Embassy gate. During this time, FRANCOTTE photographed numerous (BEDOX) officials, enlargements of which were incorporated into the Mexico City Station "mug" book.

d. On a dark rainy morning of 28 September, FRANCOTTE received an urgent request from Jeremy L. NIARCOS to photograph the exterior of one of the Station basehouses targeted against the FJSTEAL Embassy. Owing to the proximity of the target buildings, the photography had to be accomplished from a moving automobile and only one pass could be attempted. FRANCOTTE, positioned in the rear seat of a sedan and utilizing one of the new Pentax cameras, recently supplied from KUBIOT Headquarters, was successful in obtaining the necessary coverage.

e. At the request of the Deputy Chief of Station and Michael C. CHOADEN, FRANCOTTE was instructed to evacuate the LIONION basehouse of all photographic equipment and supplies. With the recent publication of the Warren Report, and in the interest of security, it was felt that all photographic equipment should be removed for a period of 6 to 8 weeks. Under the cover of darkness on 26 and 27 September and with the aid of a rented sedan, FRANCOTTE removed all equipment and supplies from the basehouse. The lower bathroom, utilized by LIFEUD/22 as a complete darkroom facility, and the upper bedroom and adjoining bath, used to house the Pulse camera, Balscope and Pako print dryer, were stripped of all work tables, shelving and cabinets and restored to their original condition. Black-out drapes were removed and window glass repainted. LIFEUD/22 and 23 were asked to leave Mexico City and spend a short vacation at a nearby resort area. They have just recently returned, and until such time that it is deemed advisable to reinstall the photographic equipment in the LIONDN basehouse, LIFEUD/22 will be occupied in performing other support functions for the Station.

f. During the month of September, FRANCOTTE held twenty-two agent meetings, and was summoned to the LIONION basehouse in an effort to repair the Pulse camera. The unusually high number of agent meetings was attributed to the fact that FRANCOTTE was in close contact with LIFEUD/22 during the final two weeks of September. With the malfunctioning of the Pulse camera, replacement of the Exakta camera with a new Pentax, plus the necessity

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for LIFEUD/22 to dispatch a surveillance team on several occasions, FRANCOTTE was meeting with L/22 on almost a daily basis.

5. Station Support.

a. A portion of the photographic equipment, requisitioned by FRANCOTTE during the latter part of May, arrived on 25 September via the Naval Attaché flight. The equipment was received in excellent condition and FRANCOTTE is gradually placing each piece into operation. The electrical/mechanical briefcase was demonstrated to the Station case officers, all of whom were impressed with this new and excellent concealment device. FRANCOTTE was particularly pleased with the arrival of the Nikon and Pentax cameras.

b. Andrew F. MERTON, Chief of Base, Merida, was in Mexico City for consultation on 15 September. A portion of his visit was devoted to discussions with FRANCOTTE concerning technical problems at the Merida Base. FRANCOTTE demonstrated the Pentax-Balscope arrangement to MERTON, who had mentioned that he had nothing of this type available at the Merida Base. MERTON was so favorably impressed that he requisitioned one for immediate shipment to Merida.

c. In support of a standing monthly requirement of the KURIOT Postal Intelligence Section, FRANCOTTE purchased 1,000 Mexican postage stamps on 17 September. These stamps, for the October mailing, were forwarded to KURIOT Headquarters via HMMA-24369 dated 24 September 1964.

d. On 18 September, FRANCOTTE processed and printed 167 frames of microfilm at the request of visiting TDYer Thomas G. URQUHART.

e. The microfilming project for the RI/Registry Section is continuing satisfactorily, with a total of 1300 feet of microfilm processed by FRANCOTTE during this reporting period.

f. Seventy-five feet of microfilm was exposed on 17 September to fulfill a monthly requirement for the Chief of Station and Staff D.

g. A total of 59 job orders were completed during this reporting period, with a print production grand total of 982. There is no backlog at the present time.

h. Hugh T. FRANCOTTE completed 6 hours of tutorial Spanish language instruction during the month of September.

6. Secret Writing Activity.

None.

7. Flaps and Seals Operations.

At the request of Phineas F. SLINKARD, FRANCOTTE was asked to completely restore one envelope. The envelope, previously opened by a contact of SLINKARD's, was received in poor condition by FRANCOTTE. Access to the contents of the envelope had been accomplished by "dry opening" an end flap. Severe fiber tears were observed on both the flap and interior portion of the envelope. FRANCOTTE opened the entire envelope, repaired the damaged portions, and reapplied new glue. The envelope was then reassembled and allowed to press overnight. The following day the contents were reinserted and the envelope resealed. The envelope was then returned to the source and inserted into the local mail system.

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8. Documentation.

On 29 September, Floyd N. AIMONET requested FRANCOTTE to document John R. SANDAMANIE with various U.S. alias documents. These documents were to be used in assisting SANDAMANIE in renting an automobile, in support of a Station operation. Numerous credit and "flash" cards were issued by FRANCOTTE, including a State of (Ohio) operator's license.

9. Operational Disguise Activity.

The technical assistance of Lola M. CAPOZZI was not required in support of any Station operations during this reporting period.

10. Miscellaneous Statistics.

- a. Number of Operational target surveys completed during the month: 0.
- b. Numer of TDY trips completed during the month: 0.
- c. Photographic equipment issued for operational use: 0.
- d. Photographic equipment repaired: 0.
- e. Number of people trained in photographic techniques/equipment: 0.

11. Production Figures on Jobs Processed.

- a. Black and White: 59 jobs.
 - (1) Total prints: 982.
 - (2) 35mm microfilm: 1,400 feet.
 - (3) 35mm cassettes: 41.
 - (4) 120 size roll film: 4.
 - (5) Sheet film (all types): 8.
- b. Color: 0 jobs.
- c. KURIOT Station Support.
 - (1) Secret Writing: 0.
 - (2) Flaps and Seals: 1 envelope.
 - (3) Chemical Harassment: 0.

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